

HOUSE IS GIVEN TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY MANY WOMEN VOTERS

Four Democrats Are Elected To Fill Vacancies In As Many Districts In Greater City of New York Succeeding Democrats

TWO-THIRDS AS MANY WOMEN AS MEN BALLOT

Election Is Quiet and Verdict Is Taken As Expression of Confidence In President Wilson and His Party In Congress

NEW YORK, March 6—(Associated Press)—Votes of women of the Empire State and the Greater City of New York, the first votes ever cast by women in this State for members of congress yesterday regained for the Democratic party control of the house of representatives, the control of which has been hanging in the balance. Four Democrats were elected to fill the vacancies of four Democrats.

In their first opportunity to exercise the right of suffrage which was conferred upon them in the general election last November 31,858 women cast their votes. The result in no wise changed previous political conditions although the fact that women were to participate in the election appears to have had its effect in the nominations made by the opposing parties. The total vote cast in the four congressional districts was 78,192 so that the women's vote was two-thirds as large as the men's.

NEW MEMBERS

In the seventh district, in Brooklyn in the County of Kings, John J. Delaney was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John J. Fitzgerald, one of the most valuable Democratic members of the house who had served long and faithfully on the appropriations committee and has done more than almost any other member of congress for the introduction of the budget system.

In the eighth district, also in Kings County, William E. Cleary succeeds to the chair vacated by Daniel J. Griffin.

In the twenty-first district, New York County, Jerome F. Donovan succeeds Murray Hulbert.

In the twenty-second district, New York County and Borough of Bronx, Anthony J. Griffin succeeds Henry Bruckner.

VOTE EARLY

The scenes about the polls were unique for New York. Women went to vote early and continued to flock in throughout the day, at times there being more women than men in the polling booths though during the rush hours of the early morning and the late afternoon men by far predominated.

The election was a quiet and orderly one and the success of woman's suffrage was hailed throughout the city.

The election is generally taken as an expression of confidence in President Wilson by the women.

CALL FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT EXPECTED SOON

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Announcement of the date for the second selective draft is expected to be made in the near future. With the return on the questionnaires practically compiled there is little left to delay or hinder.

Expectation here is the first increments will be called some time in April and sent to camp. Troop movements are such that it is believed by that time there will be made available the required room in training quarters in the cantonments.

Honolulu Oil May Operate But Its Proceeds Held

Receiver Is Named In Government Proceedings With Business As Usual Except That Earnings Are Completely Tied Up

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6—(Associated Press)—Under the decision rendered in the federal court yesterday in which a receiver was appointed for the Honolulu Oil Company the company may operate its twenty wells which are now producing but the net proceeds are ordered to be deposited subject to the order of the court, impounded, until such time as a final decision shall be rendered. They may continue to operate but they may not distribute the profits.

Grants Helm of Los Angeles is named as the referee. This decision is the outgrowth of the litigation for patents to the Honolulu Oil Company. The greater part of its lands are held under patents but a part was affected by the Trade Withdrawal. Its first decisions were all in favor of the company but an adverse decision came on a hearing in which the government contended that some of the filings were fraudulent.

VAST SUPPLIES OF FOODS ARE SHIPPED

Food Administration Tells What This Country Has Done Since Beginning of War

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—What the United States is doing to help the Allies in the shipment of food was told yesterday in an announcement made by the food administration.

Since the beginning of the war the United States has shipped to the Allies enough supplies to feed sixteen million people yearly.

Of this great supply Russia has received the least and Great Britain the most. Russia has had less than one percent of the shipments and more than half has gone to Great Britain. France and Belgium come next in order.

PRESIDENT ORDERS CHANGE IN MANUAL

Considers Words As To Maligning Cast Reflection Against Jews Which Is Wrong

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Orders were yesterday issued by the war department to the medical examiners to eliminate from the medical advisers manual the clause which speaks of foreign born citizens, and especially Jews being more apt to be maligners than are native born citizens.

This action was taken by the war department by direction of the President who wrote that he thought the words express a prejudice against foreigners but more especially against the Jews which ought not to be entertained and which he considered out of place in the manual.

HOME SERVICE IS ORDERED FOR SOME

WASHINGTON, March 5—(Associated Press)—Announcement was made today of an important national policy in dealing with soldiers who are of alien enemy nationalities.

The war department's policy, it is stated, "enemy nationality," and whose loyalty to the United States is not questioned, will not be permitted to serve on the battlefronts, but will be detailed to insular posts when their regiments are ready to go to France.

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL NOW BEFORE WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Passed by both houses of congress, the soldiers' and sailors' civil rights bill awaits only the signature of the President to become a law.

This bill, sometimes known as a rationator, is designed to protect the rights of soldiers, sailors and their dependents during the war and the absence in the services of his country of the wage earner of the family. It provides what actions may not be brought during the period of service.

A FAMILY NECESSITY

Every family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in much less time when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder pains in the side and chest and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale at all dealers. Benson Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advt.

SHIP CARPENTERS ARE THREATENING

Situation Serious When Their Demands Are Refused—Will Appeal To Wilson

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Failing to secure the approval of the navy department and the representatives of the emergency fleet corporation to the proposal of the metal trades union for the placing of a spokesman for the ship carpenters on the wage adjustment committee in the ship building dispute, President Hutchinson announced he would appeal to President Wilson.

"If he does nothing," said Hutchinson, "we are through."

Asked if this meant the carpenters would strike, Hutchinson replied: "How do I know? That will be for the union to decide."

He said that the men only returned to work on Monday night in response to the appeals of the President to their patriotism and loyalty.

The controversy with the ship carpenter's union has now been in progress for many days. President Wilson has succeeded in holding them partially in line through his appeals and by holding up to them the example of what other labor organizations are doing.

The trouble is not so much a matter of wage dispute as a practical demand on the part of the carpenters for a closed shop policy. It has been against this that President Wilson has appealed to their loyalty and urged them to continue on with their work in behalf of the nation's needed shipping, promising to see that they secured fair treatment and a fair wage.

SIR ERIC GEDDES PRAISES AMERICA

Says Some of the Greatest Successes Against Submarines Recently Won By Americans

LONDON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Efforts to speed up shipbuilding, the success that is attending those efforts for Great Britain and her allies and the success of the British and United States naval forces in combating the submarine campaign were told to the house of commons yesterday by Sir Eric Geddes. He said the United States aid to the British forces had made it possible to destroy submarines at least as fast as Germany was able to build them. He promised an early participation of the naval forces of Brazil.

"We and our allies are making every effort to insure an adequate production of ships," he said. "Without doubt a considerable time must elapse before the output which is desired can be obtained but I am confident of our and their success."

"For some months, I believe, we and the Americans have been sinking the submarines at least as fast as Germany can build them. Recently some of the greatest successes have been achieved by the American destroyer fleet."

He said the Brazilian naval forces, including a number of warships, would soon join the Allied naval forces.

COMMITTEE AGREES ON RAILROAD BILL

Difference In Periods of Control In Two Measures Is Split In Conference Report

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Tentative agreement on the railroad bill which has passed both houses of congress but in different form upon a number of important details was reached yesterday by the conference committee.

One of the most important points of difference in the two bills was the after war period during which control should continue. This the house fixed at two years and the senate at eight months. The conference agreement provides for a post war control of twenty months.

The matter of rate fixing and the part which the Interstate Commerce Commission shall or shall not take in this was also in dispute and on this agreement was also reached.

It is not certain the reports will be accepted by either of the houses as during the debate both were firm in the stands which they took.

THREAT OF NATIONAL SOLDIER IS COSTLY

AYER, Massachusetts, March 5—(Associated Press)—A heavy sentence has been imposed on William Nimke of Torrington, Connecticut, sergeant of the 201st Engineers, at Camp Devens, Mass. He has been given thirty years' imprisonment, on conviction of having made unpatriotic utterances. One of them was: "If I have an opportunity I will surrender to the Germans in France."

COMMITTEE APPROVES

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Favorable report by the judiciary committee of the senate was yesterday made upon the nominations of James L. Coke to be chief justice of the supreme court, Samuel B. Kemp to be associate justice of the supreme court in Honolulu, William H. Edging for the first circuit and L. L. Burr for the second circuit of Maui.

THOUSANDS STOLEN FROM POSTOFFICE, TWO ARE ARRESTED

H. Melim and F. Cunha Taken Into Custody By United States Marshal On Serious Charge

REGISTERED LETTERS OPENED AND RIFLED

Jewelry Firms Are Heavy Losers of Valuables—Much Money Is Believed Taken

Thefts in the Honolulu postoffice which it is believed will reach a total of many thousands of dollars, in which prominent jewelry concerns and patrons of the registry division are the sufferers, culminated yesterday afternoon in the arrest of Harry D. Melim, a night clerk at the postoffice, by United States authorities.

The thefts that have been traced so far extend over a period of one year, although it is believed that they will be found to extend over the entire period of five years during which Melim has been employed in the mailing division.

Before the arrest of Melim, United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy found piles of registered letters with the envelopes torn open and other evidence in the room of the young man at 1076 Kinau Street, where he makes his home with his mother.

Melim was arrested Friday by United States authorities. He was charged with having disposed of \$350 worth of platinum which came through the mails addressed to H. F. Wichman & Co.

Other losers who were heavily hit in the mail thefts, are Wall & Dougherty and Joseph Schwartz jewelry concerns. That the list of losers will mount rapidly with the announcement of Melim's arrest is a certainty which promises one of the most sensational cases in the history of the Honolulu postoffice.

Many scores of registered letters which contained sums ranging from \$5 to \$50 have been turned over to Assistant Postmaster William C. Peterson to be used in an effort to establish accurate estimates of the sums that have been taken from the Honolulu mails. No exact estimate could be made yesterday by jewelry firms who have had failures in the delivery of valuables nor as to the nature of the thefts, but it is believed that this will be found to consist mainly of raw precious metal.

PROMINENT ATHLETES

Both young men who were arrested yesterday have been prominent in athletics in Honolulu for several years. Melim having been prominent in football, being the present captain of the town football team. Cunha is prominent as a swimmer, being a member of the Healan Swimming Club. The former is twenty-three years old and the latter twenty-one.

The complaint which directly led to the arrest of the two came from Wichman & Co. who missed an important consignment of platinum, which is more valuable than gold, that should have reached them from the mainland in December. Having failed to adjust disputes concerning this and other shipments which did not arrive, the firm took the matter up with the postoffice officials last week. This was connected with a report of the purchase of a quantity of platinum for \$80 which was made by Arthur H. Myhre, a manufacturing jeweler in the Boston Building.

An investigation of this transaction revealed the fact that Myhre had given his check to Cunha for the amount, the check having been payable to Melim. Myhre recalled that Cunha had asked for the cash in payment and when this was not forthcoming had admitted that the metal was the property of Melim. This check was recovered by Marshal Smiddy yesterday, showing Melim's endorsement.

CONFESION REPORTED

When arrested at his work yesterday Cunha at first disclaimed all knowledge of the transaction, but, on being shown the check, admitted that he had turned the check over to Melim and is now said to have made a confession involving many other such transactions. Before arresting Melim, Marshal Smiddy searched the room of the young man with results which fully justified his apprehension on a charge of grand larceny of the United States mails.

Opinions of the marshal's office yesterday began a search among the other manufacturing jewelers of Honolulu in an effort to locate other missing property upon whose non-recognition jewelers have already reported. These are believed to be the purchasers who were victimized in paying for the stolen goods.

WAS TRUSTED EMPLOYEE

Melim has been one of the most trusted employees of the postoffice, according to statements made yesterday afternoon, and his arrest caused a shock to his fellow workers. In his work he has had access to registered mail both incoming and outgoing, and being employed at night, throughout his service, would have every opportunity to make estimates of valuable packages, to hide them and to get them out of the building when he left in the morning. He is under bond as a civil service employee, which will be declared forfeit in the event of his conviction.

Both men were placed under bond of \$1500 in an examination before United States Commissioner George S. Curry, and this amount was furnished by Cunha who was released. Melim, however, was sent to Oahu prison where he will remain until a hearing before the United States commissioner, which has been set for Friday. The penalty provided for the offense is a fine of \$2000 or imprisonment of five years, or both.

STARTS DRIVE FOR INCOME TAX MONEY

Revenue Collector Rounding Up Those In Territory Who Have Not Yet Made Payments

To stimulate the payment of income tax and to keep as many as possible from becoming delinquent and therefore subject to drastic penalties, Col. Howard Hathaway, collector of internal revenue, started a drive yesterday throughout the Territory to round up all those who have not yet made their income tax payments. The special collecting work is to continue up to April 1, the period in which returns must be made and, if necessary, it will continue until June 15, the period in which payments must be made to avoid delinquency.

While thousands of letters and notices are being sent out from the central office here, Deputy Collectors J. S. Mackenzie and R. L. Crawford left for other islands, McKenzie for Maui and Crawford for Kauai, to aid tax payers on those islands. As soon as they complete a canvass of all liable persons as subject to tax payments under the war revenue act on Maui and Kauai, they will proceed to Hilo to supplement the efforts there of August R. Costa, in charge of the Hilo branch of the internal revenue office.

Early in February Colonel Hathaway, setting upon recommendations from Washington, issued a general appeal to income tax payers of the Territory based on patriotic grounds, asking them to make their payments at the earliest possible moment and preferably at the time they file returns. A general response was given to this appeal at the time, but the payments fell off after a short time and a long list of names in all classes still remains to be heard from.

It is believed that some part of the delay may be attributed to the fact that the income tax returns were much delayed in delivery, particularly those for incomes over \$3000, corporation income tax returns and excess profits returns. Due to this delay, however, an extension of time in which to file returns was granted from March 1 to April 1, so under this extension those subject to the payment of income tax have until April 1 in which to file their returns.

The staff of the Honolulu office and the deputy collectors sent to the other islands have received special instructions to bring all pressure to obtain early payments and, if possible, paymen accompanied by returns. It is emphasized that these payments must be in cash, draft, money order or by certified check.

AUSTRIA THREATENS TO CRUSH RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, March 5—(Associated Press)—Secretary Lansing received advice today that Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister, has informed the Rumanian premier that unless Rumania yields, the country will be crushed. Austria agrees to preserve the integrity of the present ruling dynasty if Rumania will cede the Dobruja district and allow the "rectification of her boundaries."

BEAT AND HOLD UP CHINESE HACK MAN

Bully beaten up about the head, Chun Kim, a forty-year old Chinese hack driver, reported to the police last night that he had been attacked and robbed on the Ala Moana Road near Allen, by several men whom he believed were Filipinos.

Kim said he was pulled from his hack and knocked unconscious and his money and conveyance taken. The horse and hack were found two hours later near the Waikiki hotels.

The wounds on Kim's head appeared to have been inflicted by a blunt instrument.

Several suspicious persons found in the vicinity of the attack last night were booked for investigation by the police, on the chance that they might turn out to be the hack man's assailants. Some of them were Filipinos.

CREW OF SEADLER IS TAKEN TO CHILE

VALPARAISO, March 6—(Associated Press)—Bringing with her the crew of the Seadler, the Chilean steamer Falcon arrived yesterday from the Easter Islands.

The Germans are reported to have reached the Easter Islands on a sloop which later sunk, they said, and left them stranded until picked up by the Falcon.

END OF EMBARGO UPON STEEL IS INDICATED

TOKIO, March 5—(Special to Nippon Jiji)—Roland Morris, ambassador to Japan from the United States, has been asked to conclude the steel and shipping negotiations which have been carried on between the United States and Japan. According to the arrangements the United States will furnish one ton of steel to Japan for every two tons of shipping furnished by the Japanese.

"BARNEY" BARUCH NAMED

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Bernard M. (Barney) Baruch, one of the best known men in New York business and financial world, has been selected to head as chairman the war industries board which he will reorganize and coordinate with other working departments of the government.

Bad Weather Holds Back Forces From Big Offensive

Despite Rains and Mud Raids Are Continued—British Take Prisoners and Germans Lose Heavily—Pershing Sends Casualty List

NEW YORK, March 6—(Associated Press)—Bad weather prevailed yesterday on both Western and Italian fronts precluding the possibility of the start of the great offensive movements which have been recently indicated. Despite rains and mud there were raids of considerable magnitude carried on in some of the sectors.

Southeast of Lens the British launched a strong raiding force against the enemy and with considerable success. They rushed the enemy trenches, took a number of prisoners and brought back several machine guns as trophies of their expedition.

West of Lens the Germans shelled violently and behind this barrage its raiding forces advanced. Their attack failed and they withdrew in considerable disorder, after suffering heavy casualties, leaving prisoners, wounded and dead behind.

On Monday night the German forces attempted a raid upon a series of trenches of an American sector. This raid was successfully repulsed, the Germans leaving a number of prisoners in the hands of the Americans.

General Pershing cabled the names of a lieutenant and five men killed on March 1; and of five who were severely wounded on that date. He also gave the name of a lieutenant who was wounded and three enlisted men who were wounded in an engagement on February 27.

PROHIBITIONISTS ARE DEADLOCKED

Unable To Determine Whether To Disband and Join In New Party Organization

CHICAGO, March 6—(Associated Press)—The Prohibition party is deadlocked on the question of sacrificing its own political entity and uniting with the new National party which will open its convention today. No action on the question of merger was taken by the Prohibitionists yesterday.

While leaving the all important question of uniting with the National party and giving up its own name is abeyance the Prohibition convention took other important action yesterday. There was formed a national dry federation which will include practically every prohibition society in every county of the United States and which will work for the adoption of the amendment to the constitution which provides for federal prohibition of the liquor traffic. William Jennings Bryan was selected as its president and the headquarters will be located at Pittsburgh.

DRY NATION NEAR

Nation wide prohibition within ninety days is declared to be a possibility by some of the leaders of the Prohibition party convention, in session here today.

Demanding immediate national prohibition, Virgil Hinchman, chairman of the national committee, opened the convention this morning.

"If all the forces pull together, we can secure prohibition within ninety days," he declared. "We should reach every union and every manufacturer's organization, and the farmers as well."

PIERS OF FOREIGN LINES WILL BE TAKEN

WASHINGTON, March 5—(Associated Press)—It was made known today that the President intends to take over for the United States the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd wharves at Hoboken, structures worth millions. Special legislation by congress will be necessary to accomplish the purpose.

Then It's Time to Call a Halt

If you drink beer or liquor, even moderately, look out for kidney trouble. Alcohol will weaken the kidneys in time and then you may expect urinary difficulties, backache, rheumatic attacks, dizzy spells, nervousness, or sick headaches. Don't wait for worse troubles. Use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They help weak kidneys, whatever the cause. Thousands thank Doan's for quick relief.

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WASHINGTON, March 5—(Associated Press)—A consular dispatch says that the Persian cabinet has resigned.

IN DESPERATION RUSSIA MAY FIGHT LONGER AGAINST GERMAN ENEMY

Ratification of Treaty in Moscow Is Considered Improbable and Intervening Time May Be Used To Reorganize Red Guards

GERMANS REPORTED TO BE PUSHING ONWARD

Petrograd May Be Abandoned To Enemy and Stand Made Further On—Siberian Situation Remains In Unsettled State

WASHINGTON, March 6—(Associated Press)—Peace between Russia and Germany is by no means finally assured. It is deemed improbable that the soviets which are to be held for All-Russia in Moscow on March 12 will ratify the treaty. Already the work of organizing forces to resist has been commenced. This information was contained in a Reuter's despatch from Petrograd to London. The despatch said the ratification of the peace treaty by the convention which is to meet in Moscow and which will act following the endorsement expected by the Petrograd government is not considered probable. It added it was probable the fortnight delay that is offered under the Brest-Litovsk agreement will be utilized for the organization of the Red Guard.

STORM COMING

Lenine and Trotsky are reported to be preparing to bow before the storm of protest that is certain to come with the publication of the full peace terms. Reports of the probability of their resignation came from Berlin, indicating a doubt in the minds of the Germans of the acceptance of the agreement which the delegates reached.

Contradiction of the reports that Germany had ceased its invasion of Russia was found in reports yesterday that the advance upon Petrograd was being continued. There were also reports which indicated the Russians are preparing to evacuate Petrograd and make their stand beyond.

These reports said the Russians were already destroying such stores as could not be readily moved.

SIBERIAN QUESTION

The matter of the sending of an army of invasion or for protection by Japan into Siberia appears not to be fully settled. A Reuter's despatch from Tokio which was received in London said Japan was pursuing a policy of watchful waiting and desired to avoid arousing a feeling of enmity against the Allies among loyal Russians who are still anti-German. It also said there was a probable agreement between Japan and China.

Other Tokio dispatches said the situation was considered grave by the Japanese press and was absorbing great attention. Cabinet conferences were reported to be frequent and there was a full realization of the responsibilities which may rest upon Japan.

It is unofficially learned here an agreement has been reached between the Allies and Japan to which the United States offers no objection and general principles laid down for the conduct of Japan in connection with Siberia though these principles have not been announced.

The French cabinet is reported to have discussed this subject yesterday as did President Wilson and his cabinet and the London Evening News announced the subject had been finally settled.

Senator Lewis of Missouri declared in a speech in the senate yesterday that the United States is not involved by treaty, agreement or understanding in the Japanese plans for an expedition to Siberia.

He said that the United States has no understanding as to whether Japan shall or shall not send troops to Russia.

"There is no compact nor privileges concerning the Philippines and Mexico, which is not enjoyed by other friendly nations," he said. "Whatever Japan is doing in the war is done as the result of her alliance with England."

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